

BLOODSHED IN COLORADO

DASTARDLY CRIME IN COLORADO

Explosion of Infernal Machine Under Depot Platform Kills Eleven Men and Wounds Others.

Assassin Fired Infernal Machine by means of a Revolver and Fine Steel Wire.

NO CLUE TO IDENTITY

Troops Guard District and Bloodhounds Are Brought to Run Down the Murderer.

Cripple Creek, Colo., June 6.—A concealed assassin by merely pulling a wire exploded an infernal machine, thereby instantly killing 11 men and severely wounding nine others, one of whom has since died at Independence today. All the killed and injured, with the exception of two men from the Deadwood mine, were non-union miners employed on the night shift of the Findley mine. The men had quit work at 2 a. m. and were waiting to board a suburban train on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad and return to their homes in Cripple Creek and Victor.

Just after the engineer of the approaching train blew his whistle as a signal to the miners, according to custom, a terrific explosion occurred underneath the depot platform, on and near which 26 men were gathered. The platform was blown into splinters, the depot wrecked and a hole 20 feet in circumference and as many feet in depth torn in the ground.

Fragments of bodies were hurled through space several hundred feet. Some of the bodies dropped into the pit made by the explosion, but heads, hands, ears, legs and trunks were strewn about on all sides. Pieces of flesh were found on buildings 500 feet away and everything within a radius of 50 feet was bloodstained.

The force of the explosion was felt

through the camp and the crash awakened everybody. The approaching train was stopped and the train crew were the first men to reach the scene of the disaster. They were joined in a few minutes by hundreds of persons and relief work was begun at once. A special train was sent from Cripple Creek, carrying physicians, nurses, officers and many others, but when it reached Independence the injured had already been placed on board the suburban train and removed to hospitals in Victor.

Mangled bodies of the dead, placed together as well as possible, were removed to the coroner's office.

Amputation has been performed upon a number of the injured, but it is almost certain several of them will die. A majority of the dead and injured were single men, but several had families living in the district.

The infernal machine with which the diabolical work was done consisted of a quantity of dynamite estimated at 150 to 200 pounds, a loaded revolver and a long, slender steel wire attached to the trigger. The revolver was fastened so that by pulling the trigger it would not draw it away. The wire ran from under the depot to the cribbing of the Delmonico property, about 400 feet away, where its end was fastened to the rung of a chair. The dynamite was placed close to the muzzle of the revolver, which was discharged by pulling the wire when the engineer blew his whistle. The ball from the revolver exploded the dynamite.

A man was seen running down hill from the Delmonico after the explosion. The Victor troops, who were ordered out by Mayor French, were so stationed as to keep people from passing over the path taken by the assassin and bloodhounds were sent from Canyon City and Trinidad for the purpose of trailing him.

The infernal machine used today was similar to the one exploded in the Vindicator mine on November 21, 1903, killing two men.

By order of Major H. A. Naylor, of the National Guard, the bodies were removed from the coroner's establishment to another undertaker's. This action was taken on the request of J. S. Murphy, superintendent of the Findley mine, because it was alleged that Coroner James Doran had remarked before the discovery of the infernal machine that the death of the men was due to accident. Later Coroner Doan explained that although he had spoken of the disaster as an "awful accident," he was convinced a terrible crime had been committed.

RIOTING AND BLOODSHED DEATH AND DESOLATION IN MINES OF COLORADO

Pitched Battle Follows Mass Meeting to Inquire Into Explosion at Independence.

Resignation of Sheriff Demanded and He Complies—City Marshal Removed and Arrested—Editors and Printers of Newspapers Arrested—Soldiers Fire Into Mob Killing Two.

Denver, Colo., June 6.—The reign of terror, brought on by the diabolical plot and followed by rioting and an assault upon the militia, exists in the Cripple Creek mining district tonight. Men through the streets and conflicts are hourly occurrences. Militiamen are marching hither and thither, making arrests by wholesale. A number of union miners have been placed in the military "bullpen" and others are being gathered in at frequent intervals. City and county officials have been compelled to resign offices on account of their reputed union sympathy.

As far as can be estimated tonight, 22 are dead and a score or more injured as a result of events leading up to the events above described.

Beginning with this morning, when the infernal machine set under the station platform at Findley, on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad, was touched off and a number of non-union men, who were waiting for the train, sent into eternity and other horribly mangled, events followed thick and fast. They culminated in a riot at the mass meeting, where bullets flew and at least one was killed and a number injured. Later, as a company of militia was marching past union headquarters pursuing their search for union miners, they were fired upon, according to a report, by a man concealed in the union hall. Soldiers stormed the building and seven unionists were shot. The remainder of the men fled precipitately.

The soldiers, who were unhurt, pursued and arrested a number of fleeing men and continued far into the night to scour the country in search of men supposed to have been in the union hall at the time of the assault. At the headquarters of Adjutant General Bell in this city everything is in readiness to promptly call for additional troops in other camps. It is understood that railroads have been instructed to have engines and cars ready, and a quick run to Cripple Creek would follow an appeal for more soldiers. However, the firm tone of communications received from Sheriff Bell, the newly appointed official of Teller county, says he will only ask for further aid from the military as a last resort. He intimates he can control the situation unless a general clash of opposing interests occurs.

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 7.—A special from Victor to the Gazette after midnight says:

At 12:30 this morning the streets of Victor are still thronged with people and excitement runs high. Sheriff Bell seems to have secured control of the situation at this hour, but the tension is so high that any little thing might cause an outbreak.

Reports of Sheriff Bell being shot are without foundation.

Victor, Colo., June 6.—Rioting broke out in this city this afternoon while a mass meeting was being held to discuss the murder of 13 non-union miners by means of an infernal machine at Independence. Forty shots were fired into the crowd in the street. One man was killed and at least six persons injured.

Secretary Clarence H. Hamlin of the mine owners' association concluding a short address, said:

"I want to hear what the boys in the mines have got to say about this trouble."

William Huskins, a union miner from Goldfield, threw up his hand and

shouted, "Let me talk."

At this the crowd began to hiss Hoskins and cry "Put him out."

A free-for-all fight followed and shooting began.

Most of the shots were directed skyward.

Hoskins fell with a bullet in his body and the crowd scattered in every direction.

Kept on Talking.

Secretary Hamlin, who had been standing on a wagon, kept on talking, unmindful of the hailstorm of bullets that whizzed about his head.

After the first excitement had somewhat cleared away, the injured and dying were gathered up.

R. McGee of Victor, who was instantly killed, had been standing on an embankment 30 feet above the men who had been fighting and was an innocent spectator.

A pitched battle is looked for any minute. Five thousand are on the streets and union men are arming themselves.

Previous to the rioting Sheriff Henry M. Robertson had been summoned to the meeting of the mine owners' association in Armory hall by a committee composed of C. C. Hamlin secretary of the association; J. S. Murphy, manager of the Findley mine, and L. E. Hill of the Theresa. At this meeting his resignation was demanded. He yielded to the demand.

Then Edward Bell was appointed by the county commissioners to fill out Robertson's unexpired term. Robertson was a union miner before he was elected sheriff. Bell is a member of the Citizens' Alliance.

Nearly all the mines in the district have been closed by order of the mine owners' association and hundreds of miners flocked into town from the surrounding hills. Fully 1200 supporters of the association gathered about the army hall, where it was meeting. At the same time 1000 men, armed with all sorts of weapons, were assembling on vacant ground at the corner of Victor avenue and Fourth street in response to a call for a mass meeting. Most of these were union men who declared their intention to resist to the death any attempt to run them out of the district. City Marshal Michael O'Connell hurriedly swore in several hundred citizens, most of them union men, as deputy policemen, after being refused admission to mine owners' headquarters. After a conference with Sheriff Bell and a number of mine owners Mayor Frank D. French removed City Marshal O'Connell, who then dismissed his deputies.

One Killed in Riot.

Then followed the rioting in which McGee was killed and at least six persons injured.

After the rioting began Sheriff Bell ordered out all the soldiers in the district. He also appointed 100 deputies. Wholesale arrests of union men will be made, it is said.

The soldiers have already arrested a trio of editors and printers of the Daily Record and City Marshal O'Connell and put them in the bullpen. All wealthy mine owners are carrying guns.

SMASHED LUMBER TRUST.

Court of Appeals Decides in Favor of Small Consumer.

San Francisco, June 6.—The circuit court of appeals handed down a decision today in a suit brought by Ar-

thur S. Ellis against Inman, Poulson & Co. and others doing business under the name of the City Retail Lumber Company, at Vancouver, Wash. The defendants had formed a combination to control the output of Washington and Oregon lumber and fix the price of the product. The plaintiff bought from another manufacturer and when he sent the order to the City Retail Lumber Company he was requested to pay a fine of \$250 in addition to the market price of the lumber and promise in future he would not purchase lumber from any firm outside the combination.

The plaintiff refused to do so and brought action for damages.

The lower court decided that the plaintiff had not sufficient ground for action, but on the appeal to the higher court it ruled today that the combination was illegal, formed in restraint of trade, and ordered the case remanded for a new trial.

The court based its opinion on the decision in the Northern Securities case.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

Prominent Los Angeles Man Succumbs After Terrible Struggle.

Los Angeles, June 6.—In plain view of three friends, who were making every effort to save him, Frederic W. Horner, vice president of the Z. L. Parmlee Co. of this city, was drowned in the surf at Manhattan beach today.

Mr. Horner, accompanied by three friends went down to the beach for a swim in the surf. Suddenly Horner called to his companions for assistance. Anderson immediately responded, and a desperate battle with the waves began, lasting fully 15 minutes.

When finally taken out of the water, Horner was dead.

BASEBALL SCORES.

American.

At Detroit—Boston, 3; Detroit, 0.

At St. Louis—Washington, 3; St. Louis, 5.

At Chicago—Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 3.

At Cleveland—New York, 1; Cleveland, 5.

National.

At Philadelphia—St. Louis, 6; Philadelphia, 14.

At Brooklyn—Chicago, 2; Brooklyn, 5.

At Boston—Cincinnati, 9; Boston, 7.

At New York—Pittsburg, 2; New York, 15.

OREGON STANDS BY THE G. O. P.

Election Returns Show That State Goes Republican by Majority of Over 18,000.

Hermann Goes to Congress—Democrats Elect Sheriff in Multnomah.

HEAVY VOTE IS CAST

Local Option Almost a Tie and Late Returns May Show That It Wins in the County

Portland, June 7.—At 1:30 this morning the indications are that the state will go republican by 18,000. Partial returns for congressman from this county show Williamson (Rep.), 2480; Simons (Dem.), 8853.

Portland, June 6.—Oregon, following the precedent of many years, went republican today by a majority estimated at more than 15,000. That it was a decisive victory for the republican party in this state and implied an endorsement of the national administration is conceded by the democrats themselves.

The counting of ballots is proceeding slowly, owing to the length of the ticket and to the unusual amount of "scratching" which was done on the county and legislative tickets. At midnight it was estimated but one-tenth of the vote had been counted, but figures kept by watchers at the booths seem to warrant the opening statement of this article.

The congressional fight in the Second district was bitterly contested, the press of the state entering the fight with unusual vim. Early in the campaign the republican press launched a

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